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20 June 1980

NOTE FOR: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM : Briefing Coordinator, PB/NSC Staff

SUBJECT : Blue/Red PR Transmittal Letters 

1. Captain Paes and Col. Giessler from Andy Marshall's office called regarding the PR transmittal letter to the SecDef (Attachment 1). They complained that the letter gives the impression that we intend to produce a Blue/Red book every six months and that it will force them to prepare a DoD position on the frequency and content of another edition by early July. They would have preferred that we would have waited and sent a letter to the SecDef early next month.

2. Col. Giessler also complained that we should have included the second paragraph in the letters to the President, Vice President, SecState, and Brzezinski in all the transmittal letters. (See Attachment 2)



Attachments

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The Director of Central Intelligence  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Harold Brown  
The Secretary of Defense

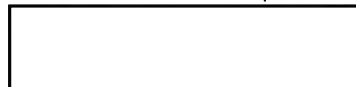
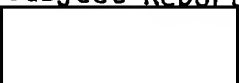
SUBJECT: The President's Report on  
US and Soviet Forces

1. This report--which summarizes significant trends and developments in selected US and Soviet forces, with emphasis on the six-month period ending on 31 March 1980--is forwarded to you for your personal use. The sections on US forces were prepared by the Office of Net Assessment. Those on Soviet forces were derived from the April 1980 edition of the President's Report on Soviet Forces, which was prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency in coordination with other members of the Intelligence Community.

2. Assuming that there will be a second edition of the report on US and Soviet forces, the DCI would like to meet with you in July to discuss its style and content. Among the changes that he is considering are the addition of two sections under strategic defense--one on air and space surveillance and one on antisatellite defense--and a section under general purpose--forces in the Far East. A section on air and space surveillance would allow US and Soviet developments in Over-the-Horizon (OTH) radars to be treated together. (In the first edition, US OTH developments are included in the air defense section, and Soviet OTH developments are treated in the missile defense section). An anti-satellite defense section would permit an extensive discussion of US and Soviet laser and particle beam research. (In this edition, there are only a few, disparate paragraphs which describe laser research that is possibly directed toward defense against aircraft). A section on the Far East would include developments in US forces in Korea and in Soviet forces along the Sino-Soviet border and on the Kuril Islands.

Frank C. Carlucci  
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
The White House

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2. As is explained in the Preface, the report is a reference document that presents information on US and Soviet forces, along with some interpretative comments. It does not present an estimate of military capabilities and is not intended to serve as a basis for comparing the capabilities of these forces.

3. The report is the result of a DOD-CIA collaboration effort. The sections on US forces were produced by the Department of Defense, and those on Soviet forces were produced by the Central Intelligence Agency in coordination with other members of the Intelligence Community.

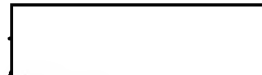
*Harold Brown*

HAROLD BROWN  
Secretary of Defense


  
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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